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1. GREEK OPENED SUBGROUP SESSION APR 17 WITH REQUEST FOR AN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND INFORMATION ABOUT US COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES IN GREECE. SPECIFIC DATA WAS NEEDED ON US EQUIPMENT AND ITS USE, RANGE OF FREQUENCIES COVERED, SPARE CAPACITY, AND NUMBER OF US PERSONNEL AT EACH SITE. THE GREEKS ASKED THAT THIS INFORMATION BASE BE COUPLED WITH PROPOSALS AS TO HOW GREEK UTILIZATION OF EACH FACILITY COULD BE PROVIDED AS PART OF THE US OPERATION. IN THIS
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CONTEXT THE GREEKS EMPHASIZED THAT THEY DID NOT ENVISAGE OR

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WISH ANY CHANG IN EXISTING US ROLES AND MISSIONS.

2. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION, AND AT GREEK REQUEST, IT WAS AGREED TO DIVIDE THE DATA AND PROPOSALS INTO THREE CATEGORIES: A) NEA MAKRI/KATO SOULI NAVAL COMMUNICATION SYSTEM THROUGHOUT GREECE. DURING THE DISCUSSION, THE GREEKS NOTED SEVERAL TIMES THAT WHILE INDIVIDUAL US FACILITIES HAD CLEAR TASKS, THE AGREEMENTS PROVIDING FOR INSTALLATIONS WERE OFTEN GENERAL IN NATURE, SPECIFYING ONLY THE REAL ESTATE TO BE OCCUPIED AND THE VAGUE PURPOSE OF THE OPERATION.

3. THE GREEKS MADE CLEAR UNDER QUESTIONING THAT THEIR MAJOR OBJECTIVE WAS NOT "HELLENIZATION" OF US FACILITIES SO MUCH AS OBTAINING JOINT USE IN SOME FORM OF US FACILITIES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THE GREEK ARMED FORCES WITH SERVICES SIMILAR TO THOSE NOW ENJOYED BY US FORCES. THE GREEKS ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN RECEIVING TRAINING AT ALL FACILITIES WHERE COMMON USE WOULD TAKE PLACE. BOTH ON THE JOB TRAINING AND TRAINING IN MORE SOPHISTICATED AND ADVANCED EQUIPMENT WAS DESIRED.

4. US REPRESENTATIVES SAID THAT WHILE THE REQUESTS THEY HAD RECEIVED WERE EXTENSIVE, AND IN SOME CASES WENT BEYOND EXISTING GUIDELINES FOR THE SECOND ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS, AN EFFORT WOULD BE MADE TO PROVIDE THE INFORMATIONAL BASE REQUESTED AS WELL AS SOME INDICATION OF HOW GREECE MIGHT BETTER SHARE OR BENEFIT FROM EACH OF THE THREE US OPERATIONS SPECIFIED IN PARA 2 ABOVE. NO DEADLINE WAS SET FOR THE COMPLETION OF THIS WORK, BUT A FURTHER SUBGROUP MEETING WAS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, APRIL 21, BY WHICH TIME WE WOULD HOPE TO BE IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE ONE OR MORE OF THE REQUESTED PAPERS, AND HAVE A FURTHER DISCUSSION OF THE GREEK THINKING.

5. IN DISCUSSION OF SCOPE OF SUBGROUP WORK, GREEKS STATED THAT THE STATE DEPT AREA TELECOMMUNICATIONS OFFICE (ATO) FACILITY AT TATOI WOULD BE EXCLUDED FROM SUBGROUP DISCUSSIONS.
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